

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS

MINUTES

February 17, 2011

The South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs met on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 10:30 AM at the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs Central Office, 3440 Harden Street Extension, Columbia, South Carolina.

The following were in attendance:

COMMISSION

Present:

Rick Huntress, Chairman
Deborah McPherson, Vice Chairman
Otis Speight, Secretary
Bobby Harrell
Kelly Hanson Floyd (Via Teleconference)
Nancy Banov

DDSN Administrative Staff

Dr. Buscemi, State Director; Mr. Tom Waring, Associate State Director, Administration; Mr. David Goodell, Associate State Director, Operations; Mrs. Tana Vanderbilt, General Counsel (For other Administrative Staff see Attachment 1 – Sign In Sheet).

Guests

(See Attachment 1 Sign-In Sheet)

Coastal Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 2 Coastal Sign-In Sheet)

Pee Dee Regional Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 3 Pee Dee Regional Sign-In Sheet)

Whitten Center (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 4 Whitten Center Sign-In Sheet)

York County DSN Board (via videoconference)

(See Attachment 5 York County Sign-In Sheet)

News Release of Meeting

Mr. Rick Huntress, Chairman, called the meeting to order. Dr. Otis Speight read a statement of announcement about the meeting that had been mailed to the appropriate media, interested persons, and posted at the Central Office and on the website in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

Invocation

Mr. Huntress gave the invocation.

Adoption of the Agenda

Without objection, the Commission accepted the agenda as given.
(Attachment A)

Approval of the Minutes of the January 20, 2011 Meeting

Without objection, the Commission accepted the minutes as given.

Public Input

Mrs. Linda Lee of Prosperity, SC spoke on behalf of the Regional Centers.

Report from DSN Boards

Mr. Rick Magner spoke on behalf of the SC Human Service Providers Association.

DDSN Division Update – Quality Management

Mrs. Ann Dalton, Director of the Quality Management Division, stated critical incidents, abuse, neglect and exploitation and death reporting are the three components of the DDSN Incident Management System. She then explained in detail critical incident reporting.

Options in Pain Management

Mr. Huntress welcomed Dr. Kevin Walker, Director of the Village Hospital Comprehensive Pain Center in Greer, SC. Dr. Walker shared a presentation on options for pain management other than narcotics.

Disabilities Advocacy Day

Mrs. Jackie Robey, Representative for the SC Partnership of Disability Organizations, shared information and a handout regarding Disabilities Advocacy Day that will take place at the State House, Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Dr. Buscemi reinforced the importance of a positive approach towards Legislators for this event.

What Are You Waiting For?

Mr. Huntress shared an enlightening video of his Israel vacation with his family and other individuals with physical disabilities and encouraged everyone to share the video with other individuals with disabilities to encourage activity.

New Business

Surplus Land

Mr. Tom Waring presented the information provided to the Commission regarding property at the Whitten and Pee Dee Centers. It was recommended the property be recognized as surplus land. Discussion followed. On motion of Dr. Speight, seconded and passed, the Commission instructed DDSN staff to go back to the Budget and Control Board to find out if DDSN has viable options before a decision is made.

OIG Report

Mr. Waring gave a recap of the OIG Audit. There were no issues of the four items audited; however, during the review it was found that administrative overhead costs to room and board were not included in the calculations. This issue could have a negative impact to the DDSN budget.

Unfinished Business

Budget Update

Dr. Buscemi reported we will know more about the budget when the House Ways and Means meets next week. DDSN should be presenting to the Senate Subcommittee in early March.

DHHS Update

Dr. Buscemi explained in detail the Medicaid Bulletins issued by DHHS in January. DHHS reinstated hospice and respite care services, delivery of meals delivered through the CLTC waiver, and nutritional supplements which will now require a medical necessity. The second bulletin clarified implementation of the private therapy reductions.

The Budget and Control Board recognized \$100M of DHHS' projected \$225M deficit. DHHS will report to the Budget and Control Board in March to discuss further attempts to reduce the deficit. The process is still in motion about removing the restrictions on DHHS from reducing provider rates.

Administrative Cost Update

Dr. Buscemi stated she met with Mr. Tony Keck, DHHS's new director. He was clear he would support the appeal of the administrative cost issue by DDSN but at our risk. If the decision is not in DDSN's favor, it would come out of our budget. DDSN continues to meet with DHHS and CMS on this issue. Kerr and Company is assisting DDSN in formulating an argument.


State Director's Report

Dr. Buscemi reported that five Boards and one Private Provider are participating in the Caregiver Relief Pilot Project. The project is funded from March through August.

Dr. Buscemi stated the Respite Event sponsored by the DD Council and DDSN and hosted at the Babcock Center went very well and positive feedback was received.

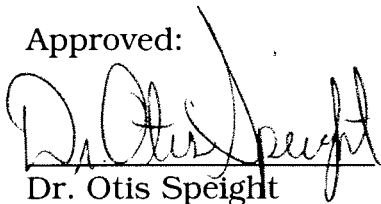
The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Huntress.

Submitted by,



Sandra Delaney

Approved:



Dr. Otis Speight
Secretary

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Attachment 1

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Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name and Organization

1. Phil Clarkson BIASC
2. Hilda Clough
3. Wendy Hurstress
4. Mike Moss Colham DSNB
5. VALARIE BISHOP DD Council
6. Kay Richardson Epworth
7. Ed John Robcock
8. LINDA LEE WHITTEN CENTER
9. Kathleen Roberts WLPC & SCPOD
10. Kevin Yacobi SCDDJN
11. Craig Stoxen SC Autism Society
12. Timothy Duke Pediatric Therapy of Aiken/A+ Kids
13. Lisa Weeks DDSN
14. Richard Wray DDSN
15. Lindsey Daniel Community Options
16. Daniel Davis Autism Division
17. Ann Dalton DDSN
18. Sarah St. Onge PTA
19. Janet Priest DDSN
20. Betty-Routh Steele Saleeby PC

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| 21. | MILDRED LILEY | Parent |
| 22. | Jackie Robey | Parent Volunteer - Arc of SC |
| 23. | Jennifer Buster | SCDDSN |
| 24. | Cherie Miller | SC Mental |
| 25. | Lemora Crum | SCDHHS |
| 27. | George MAKY | DHHS |
| 28. | Crystal Ray | Family Connection of SC |
| 29. | Thord Warren | KCB DSN |
| 30. | RicZ Magner | Homen Services Provider |
| 31. | Mary Mack | Lee Co DSNB |
| 32. | Jayce Davis | BIASC |
| 33. | LINDA VELDHERR | DDSN |
| 34. | Fred Lynn | Whitten Parents Club |
| 35. | Jennifer Brooks | WCHSNB |
| 36. | Diane Early | SCSCM |
| 37. | Connie Coleman | NCDSNB |
| 38. | FRED OWENS | NCDSNB |
| 39. | Shondala Hall | DDSN |
| 40. | Kay Brooks | Brain Injury Assoc. of SC |

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1. Beth Bunge Bright Start
2. Leanne Johnston SCHSP
3. Ralph Canby Alton DSN Bd-
4. Carolyn Myers Mother advocate
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Attachment 2

Guest Registration Sheet

(PLEASE PRINT) Name and Organization

1. Linda Bodiford PGA Coastal Parent
2. Marsha Mirell BIASC, THSG, Parent
3. Lutes Britt III SCDDSN-District II Office
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Attachment 3

Guest Registration Sheet

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Name and Organization

1. Ruth Thomas Darlington County DSNB
2. Mike Keith Marian Dixon DSN
3. John Hitchman SCDDSN
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1. PAT FAGAN SCDDSN - DIST. I
2. JIMMY BURTAN BURTAN CENTER
3. BRIAN BREWER BURTAN CENTER
4. SAM MARTIN " "
5. Elaine Thern PCBDSN
6. Jason Tavernier LCDSRB
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Attachment 5

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1. Mary Poole York County BDSN
2. Janice Fowler " " "
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A G E N D A

**South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
3440 Harden Street Extension
Conference Room 251
Columbia, South Carolina**

February 17, 2011

10:30 AM

1. Notice of Meeting Statement *Commissioner Otis Speight*
2. Invocation *Commissioner Rick Huntress*
3. Introduction of Guests
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of the Minutes of the January 20, 2011 Meeting
6. Public Input
7. Report from DSN Boards *Mr. Rick Magner*
8. DDSN Division Update – Quality Management *Ms. Ann Dalton*
9. Options in Pain Management *Kevin B. Walker, M.D.
Director
Village Hospital Comprehensive Pain Center*
10. Disabilities Advocacy Day *Ms. Jackie Robey*
11. What Are You Waiting For? *Commissioner Rick Huntress*
For your viewing on youtube.com
Search: Huntress Israel Disability
12. New Business:
 - A. Surplus Land *Mr. Tom Waring*
 - B. OIG Audit *Mr. Tom Waring*
13. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Budget Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - B. DHHS Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
 - C. Administrative Cost Update *Dr. Beverly Buscemi*
14. State Director's Report
15. Next Regular Meeting Date (March 17)/Location

PLEASE SILENCE CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING. THANK YOU.